

The Great Gatsby

Be able to discuss and explain the following.

What advice does Nick's father give him about criticizing anyone?

How did that affect Nick's outlook of life?

What did Nick mean by "creative temperament" when describing Gatsby?

What was Nick's final evaluation of Gatsby and what did he find held him back?

What background do we get on Nick's family history?

Why was Nick restless?

What year does Nick move out East?

Where does Nick take up residence?

What is the history between Nick and the Buchanans?

Describe Tom with five words.

Describe Daisy with five words.

What do you think about them as parents? How many kids do they have, male or female, names.
What does Daisy think about her offspring?

What does Nick do for a living?

Is Tom racist? Use an example from the book to back up your answer.

What special interest does Tom have in New York? Names, relationship, descriptions, situation?

Who is Jordan Baker?

How did Jordan and Daisy meet?

What was Gatsby doing at the end of Chapter one?

What is the valley of ashes? What do you think it represents?

Who or what is Doctor T. J. Eckleburg?

List the rumors about Gatsby as they are uncovered.

Describe Gatsby's parties. People who attended, behaviors, what it looked like, what Gatsby provided.

Who was the man in the "owl-eyed spectacles"?

What was Klipspringer nickname and how did he get it?

In chapter 4 Nick and Gatsby go for a ride in Gatsby's car... how did Gatsby's persona change? What does Gatsby carry with him to help convince people who he was?

Who is Mr. Wolfshiem and why was he famous?

What history exists between Daisy and Gatsby?

What's the deal with Gatsby asking Jordan to ask Nick to ask Daisy to tea?

What does Gatsby offer Nick for setting up the tea party?

When Daisy and Gatsby finally meet why was it awkward? How does the meeting end up and why?

In chapter six what background do we get on Gatsby? Names, places, experiences.

The first time Gatsby comes face-to-face with Tom he seems uncomfortable. In chapter 6 they meet again and Gatsby says aggressively, "I know your wife." What's going on?

In chapter 6 Tom and Daisy attend one of Gatsby's parties together and they seem to be competing...how?

What is Gatsby's ultimate plan/dream pertaining to Tom and Daisy?

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What change occurred at Gatsby's mansion? Why?

What is it about the weather that makes all the characters so uncomfortable?

What characters meet at Daisy's house?

How would you describe the relationship between Daisy and Gatsby?

What is the name of Tom and Daisy's child?

Why do you think Fitzgerald only mentions the child twice during the novel?

What does Tom discover on page 125? (This is big)

Who drives Gatsby's car to town and who goes with him?

As they leave Tom says if the car runs out of gas they can stop at a drug store. "You can buy anything at a drugstore nowadays." How is this meant to hurt Gatsby?

Why does Wilson want to buy Tom's old car?

Where do the characters end up going in town?

What is the story about Gatsby and Oxford according to Gatsby?

On page 137 how does Tom prove himself to be a hypocrite?

What conflict comes to a head in this chapter? How does it turn out?

Can you love two people at once?

Who is Walter Chase and what does he tell Tom about Gatsby?

On page 142 Tom asserts his dominance over Gatsby and Daisy. How?

Describe what happened with the "death car."

Why did Gatsby stay outside Daisy's house that night?

What happens with Wilson and Gatsby?

What was Nick searching for at the beginning of chapter 9?

What other illegal activity do we find Gatsby was involved in?

Who is Henry C. Gatz?

Who went to Gatsby's funeral?

Who showed up at the cemetery?

Nick meets Tom late in October what new information do we learn about Wilson and Tom?